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and we were willed to confess ourselves: for he swore, "by the King ! that he would hang us*"

When the other Admirai and the rest were come aboardj he called them into his Council chamber ; and told them that " he would hang the Master of the Englishmen and all his company."

The Admiral, whose name was DIEGO FLORES DE VALDEZ, asked him, " Wherefore? "

He said, " We had determined to rise in the night with the pinnace, and with a ball of fire work, to set the ship on fire, and go our ways. Therefore," said he, " I will have you, the Captains, Masters, and Pilots to set your hands unto that: for I swear, by the King! that I will hang them ! "

DIEGO FLORES DE VALDEZ answered, " Neither I, nor the Captains, Masters, and Pilots will set our hands to that! " for, he said, if he had been prisoner as we were, he would have done the like himself. He counselled him to keep us fast in prison till he came into Spain; and then send us to the Contrataction House in Seville : where, if we had deserved death, the law would pass on us. For he would not have it said that in such a Fleet as that was, six men and a boy should take the pinnace, and go away.

And so he returned to his ship again.

When he was gone, the General came to the mainmast to us, and swore, " by the King! that we should not come out of the stocks till we came into Spain."

Within sixteen days after [*i.e., in August, 1570*], we came over the bars of San Lucar de Barrameda; and came up to the Hurcados. Then he put us into a pinnace, [still] in the stocks; and sent us prisoners to the Contrataction House in Seville.

From thence, after one year [*i.e., in 1571*], we brake prison; on St. Stephen's day [26 December, 1571], at night. Seven of our [then English] company escaped.

ROBERT BARRET, I, JOB HORTOP, JOHN EMERIE, HUMPHRY ROBERTS, and JOHN GILBERT were taken, and brought back to the Contrataction House; where we remained in the stocks till Twelftide [6 January, 1572] was passed. Then our Keeper put up a petition to the Judge of the Contrataction House, that we " might be sent to the Great Prison House in Seville ; for that we had broken prison!"